to (d) The issue whether licence fee payable to Deptt. of Telecommunication for Basic Telephone services would be eligible for deduction in the computation of taxable income has been examined. Prima facie, such outlays will not qualify for deduction. It would be premature at this stage to give the possible revenue effect.

(e) In countries such as USA and Britain, the distinction between revenue expenditure and capital expenditure exists as in India.

**Comprehensive Plan to Develop Tourism**

166. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any comprehensive plan to develop tourism sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the amount to be spent thereon State wise;

(c) whether any foreign and domestic private assistance is also being sought for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Toruism has formulated a National Action Plan to develop tourism during the VIIIth Five Year Plan.

(b) Central financial assistance sanctioned for development of tourism in the States/UTs is shown in the enclosed statement (*see* below)

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of India and the State Govts. have been encouraging foreign and domestic private investment in the tourism sector by announcing various concessions and incentives. Hotel and Tourism related industry have already been declared a high priority area for foreign investment. For the period June 1991 to March, 1995, a total of 108 foreign investment/technical collaboration projects involving an amount of Rs. 1112 crores have been approved.

**Statement**

*Central Financial/Assistance Sanctioned and Released to the State Government/Union Territories during VIIIth Five Year Plan, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95.*

(Rs. in lakhs)

| States | 1992-93 | | 1993-94 | | 1994-95 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released |
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 9.51 | 7.23 | 114.28 | 48.15 | 171.99 | 73.00 |
| 2. Arunachal Pradesh | 48.27 | 28.00 | 45.40 | 23.50 | — | — |
| 3. Assam | 78.66 | 37.94 | 78.11 | 28.83 | 52.99 | 27.00 |
| 4. Bihar | 54.41 | 26.33 | 9.75 | 4.95 | 103.10 | 24.00 |
| 5. Goa | 42.71 | 22.76 | 78.82 | 37.83 | 76.74 | 32.65 |
| 6. Gujarat | 20.90 | 8.00 | 65.76 | 35.48 | 14.50 | 7.50 |
| 7. Haryana | 104.97 | 49.50 | 226.76 | 44.70 | 173.98 | 45.00 |
| 8. Himachal Pradesh | 111.94 | 44.36 | 369.25 | 125.92 | 297.90 | 100.00 |
| 9. Jammu & Kashmir | 152.75 | 73.69 | 236.19 | 88.38 | 143.47 | 61.25 |
| 10. Karnataka | 184.66 | 112.22 | 177.44 | 58.53 | 229.96 | 104.50 |
| 11. Kerala | 150.08 | 46.43 | 97.40 | 26.50 | 287.05 | 113.75 |
| 12. Madhya Pradesh | 39.07 | 13.70 | 30.42 | 7.00 | — | — |
| 13. Maharashtra | 201.30 | 88.69 | 309.11 | 86.57 | 207.39 | 52.19 |

| States | 1992-93 | | 1993-94 | | 1994-95 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released |
| 14. Manipur | 66.24 | 34.38 | 45.50 | 23.35 | — | — |
| 15. Meghalaya | 9.77 | 5.00 | 1.85 | 1.85 | — | — |
| 16. Mizoram | 47.70 | 30.45 | 88.18 | 12.50 | 56.49 | 28.50 |
| 17. Nagaland | 7.17 | 6.50 | 16.66 | 8.00 | 23.08 | 11.00 |
| 18. Orissa | 72.37 | 37.63 | 101.52 | 61.79 | 164.60 | 30.00 |
| 19. Punjab | 135.83 | 42.50 | 111.21 | 49.86 | 113.93 | 45.50 |
| 20. Rajasthan | 153.31 | 68.60 | 285.70 | 136.44 | 94.86 | 38.30 |
| 21. Sikkim | 49.12 | 28.10 | 130.89 | 86.39 | — | — |
| 22. Tamil Nadu | 107.42 | 46.10 | 402.45 | 196.89 | 132.45 | 46.50 |
| 23. Tripura | 80.28 | 36.70 | 9.31 | 4.69 | 46.61 | 11.72 |
| 24. Uttar Pradesh | 97.34 | 46.88 | 166.04 | 66.65 | 349.62 | 107.75 |
| 25. West Bengal | 94.10 | 39.00 | 158.38 | 67.00 | 164.87 | 42.00 |
| *Union Territories* | | | | | | |
| 1. Andaman & Nicobar | 53.50 | 30.50 | 53.47 | 26.00 | — | — |
| 2. Chandigarh | 13.70 | 4.25 | 18.66 | 8.64 | 21.38 | 8.11 |
| 3. Dadra & Nagar Haveli | — | — | — | — | 23.62 | 4.00 |
| 4. Daman & Diu | 28.50 | 28.50 | 12.03 | 7.50 | 44.29 | 11.45 |
| 5. Delhi | 58.34 | 19.93 | 133.71 | 76.48 | 37.41 | 19.00 |
| 6. Lakshadweep | — | — | — | — | 19.95 | 10.00 |
| 7. Pondicherry | — | — | 29.75 | 15.00 | — | — |
| | 2273.92 | 1063.87 | 3604.00 | 1465.37 | 2842.29 | 1054.67 |

**Attempt by Pak to Malign the Image of India by T.V. Serials**

167. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is malgning the image of India through its T.V. Serials after the burning down of Charar-e-Sharief shrine in Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) whether Government have taken any counter-measures in this matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) AIR and Doordarshan have through their programmes in different formats endeavoured to:—

(i) bring out the futility of the goal of secessionism as propagated by terrorist groups and the Government of Pakistan;

(ii) stress the legality and finality of the accession of the state to India;

(iii) reflect the firm resolve of the country to defend Kashmir at all costs;

(iv) stress the affinity for secularism common to the Kashmiri culture and the rest of India as opposed to the strigent fundamentalist rhetoric resorted to by the Pakistani propoganda machinery.